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SKY BUS METRO SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a Committee to examine the techno-economic and financial feasibility of the Sky Bus Metro System in the country;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the details of the findings thereof; and

(d) the action taken so far by the Government on the recommendations of said committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. An Expert Committee was set up by this Ministry under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.V. Indiresan, Retd. Director, IIT Chennai to evaluate the Sky Bus System and examine its feasibility and techno-economic aspects. The Committee has submitted its report in August, 2005.

(c): The Committee has treated Sky Bus System as a technology development project rather than finished technology. The Committee, recommended extension of this project as technology development project not merely because of its novelty but also because of possibility of incidental technological benefits that may accrue to the nation through the processes developed in designing and producing the system.

(d): The Ministry of Railway has appointed a technical advisory group with ten eminent members to evaluate the novel system and guide for further development of further technology. The group has held three meetings so far. Ministry of Railways has also allocated an amount of Rs.25 crore for conducting further trial of sky bus metro leading to certification of technology under the guidance of Technical Advisory Group.